

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2016

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Kevin Dotey
Cassius Kennick
Sherley Penrose
Rich Rutkowski
Lileen Schwarz

Members Absent:

Bob May
Rich Tarbous
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Also present:

John Madden, Council Liaison
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director

Kevin Dotey made a motion to accept January 2016 minutes with a second by Rich Rutkowski and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

No one present

Directors Report

- Basketball has 185 children registered. Games are running smoothly. Photo day will be February 17th.
- Baseball/Softball forms were e-blasted and also delivered to the schools. Registration is open through February 26th.
- Buddy Ball Basketball will run on Thursdays from February 18th to March 17th in the Mauger Old Gym from 6pm – 7pm. Registration is being accepted. Buddies have to be at least 14 years old or older.
- Men's Softball information was emailed to the 2015 managers. The deadline for teams to register is March 11th.
- Wrestling has 33 children registered. The annual novice tournament was cancelled due to the snow storm.
- Yoga current session runs from December 14th to February 29th. There are 10 registered.
- Toddler programs winter sessions runs from December 7th to February 23rd. There are 42 children registered. Registration for Spring Sessions has begun.
- Coach Thomasey has been emailed regarding a possible spring Track program.

- Bowling new session will run from January 23rd to March 12th. There is 1 child registered.
- PonyShare summer camp week is booked for July 11th to July 14th.
- Tennis US Sports Institute will offer a Thursday and/or Sunday tennis program starting mid-April at Mt. View Park. There will also be a four day tennis camp the weeks of July 5th and August 15th.
- US Sports will be running two sessions of multi sports programs for ages 3-5 in Mt. View Park. One session will begin in April and the other in June.
- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 19th with a rain/snow date of March 20th.

Councilmatic report

1. Councilman Madden stated the budget for increased supplies has been approved. Recreation Director is looking into bats and catchers equipment.

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Cassius Kennick pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Sherley Penrose. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

Commission Committee reports- No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence - None

Volunteer nomination - None

New Business

1. Recreation Director met with Jump Start Sports. Jump Start Sports runs sports and activities for more pre-school based children. They offered 6 week summer and fall t-ball programs for 3 and 4 year old. Recreation Director proposed this new program but the Commission was in agreement that due to the lack of help this program would be put on hold.
2. Recreation Director met with Max Beckerman, marketing manager at Costco. He would like to help the town promote their activities. The Commission was in agreement to hear his suggestions.

Old Business

1. Still seeking full time help in the Recreation Director's Office
2. Restrooms in Recreation Building to be renovated using HUD grant money. Councilman Madden said HUD saw no problems in the restrooms and the project is a closed issue.
3. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director is going to reach out to meet with DPW as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Cassius Kennick.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be March 14th, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary